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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF STAFFDEL PILLSBURY COMMENTS
RE US-CHINA RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN JUNE 9 YOMIURI.

QUOTE: AN AMERICAN CHINA EXPERT SOURCE SAID, ON THE
NIGHT OF THE 7TH, THAT TALKS FOR US-CHINA COOPERATION
IN THE MILITARY FIELD ARE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS, AND
THAT, WITHIN US GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, IT SEEMS THAT THE
OFFERING OF MILITARY TECHNOLOGY IS BEING CONSIDERED AS
A PART OF EXPLORING THE WAYS FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, IT WAS CHIEF INVESTIGATOR
MICHAEL PILLSBURY, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SECURITY PROBLEMS
IN THE US SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS POWERFUL
BUDGETARY AUTHORITY IN THE US CONGRESS, WHO CLARIFIED
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THIS VIEW. PILLSBURY HAD VISITED CHINA FOR ABOUT TWO
WEEKS, AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHINESE SIDE, AND HAD
TOURED CHINA'S MILITARY FACILITIES AND HELD TALKS WITH
MILITARY-CONNECTED PERSONS. ON HIS WAY BACK, HE STOPPED
IN TOKYO. IN 1975, WHEN PILLSBURY WAS A RESEARCHER
AT THE RAND RESEARCH INSTITUTE, WHICH IS A FAMOUS
PRIVATE THINK-TANK, HE PUBLISHED A BOLD TREATISE, TITLED

"MILITARY TIES BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA" IN "FOREIGN POLICY," IN WHICH HE EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND CAUSED BIG REPERCUSSIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE CONCERNED AT THE TIME.

INVESTIGATOR PILLSBURY WAS INVITED, AS A PERSON CONNECTED WITH THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE US CONGRESS, BY THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND VISITED CHINA. THE FACT THAT THE TIMING OF HIS VISIT TO CHINA COINCIDED WITH THE VISIT TO CHINA BY U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT BRZEZINSKI (MAY 20 TO 23) IS ALSO ATTRACTING ATTENTION.

ACCORDING TO PILLSBURY, CHINA'S MILITARY TIES WITH AMERICA AND OTHER NATIONS OF THE WEST "ARE PROCEEDING GRADUALLY, AND THEREFORE, ARE NOT NOTICED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC." HE SAYS, HOWEVER, THAT THEY ARE DEVELOPING STEADILY. MILITARY COOPERATION IS BEING PROMOTED IN SUCH FIELDS AS (1) EXCHANGE OF TOP-SECRET INFORMATION, (2) MUTUAL DISPATCH OF MILITARY INSPECTION TEAMS, AND (3) THE OFFERING OF MILITARY TECHNOLOGY, AND HE SAYS THAT THE VISITS TO CHINA BY FORMER U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER, BY NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS AND BY BRITISH MILITARY LEADERS, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALES OF ENGINES MANUFACTURED BY BRITAIN'S ROLLS UNCLASSIFIED

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ROYCE AND HARRIER FIGHTER PLANES INDICATE THE PROGRESS BEING MADE.

IT IS CONSIDERED GENERALLY CERTAIN THAT TALKS ON MILITARY TIES BETWEEN AMERICA AND CHINA CARRIED BIG WEIGHT ON THE OCCASION OF SPECIAL ASSISTANT BRZEZINSKI'S VISIT TO CHINA THIS TIME, TOO, AND HE TAKES THE VIEW THAT THE FACT THAT SOME MILITARY ADVISORS AND EXPERTS OF THE U.S. DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ABRAMOWITZ, ACCOMPANIED THE SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND VISITED CHINA FOR THE FIRST TIME SUBSTANTIATES THIS FACT. UNQUOTE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PILLSBURY DINED WITH YOMIURI REPORTER EVENING JUNE 7. WE ARE UNAWARE OF CONTENT OF PILLSBURY'S REMARKS IN THIS OR ANY OTHER PRESS CONTACT HE MAY HAVE HAD, AND DO NOT KNOW WHO "AMERICAN CHINA EXPERT" REFERRED TO IN FIRST PARA OF TEXT MIGHT BE. MANSFIELD UNQUOTE VANCE

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